

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. The following listing provides the amended claims with deleted material crossed out and new material underlined to show the changes made.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

for an event to be logged that has not yet been logged within an application;

creating an event object, said event object occupying a memory space that is independent of said application; and

logging within said event object the start time, end time and information regarding the event;

wherein said creating and said logging are performed on a single computer on which said application executes.
2. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 further comprising:

checking whether event logging has been turned on for the event.
3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2, wherein said creating and said logging are performed for each event having event logging turned on, wherein a plurality of event objects are created and logged for a plurality of events.
4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 3 further comprising:

analyzing said event objects after event logging is turned off.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 4, wherein analyzing includes:

allowing user definition of the hierarchical levels of granularity of said events whose event objects are to be analyzed; and

allowing user definition of contexts for differentiating repeated occurrences of events deemed identical by nature of their hierarchical position.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein analyzing further includes:

grouping events into their hierarchical subgroups; and

grouping events by their context, if any are defined.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein analyzing comprises:

traversing through the hierarchy of subgroups until the subgroup of finest granularity is traversed;

subdividing said events into further subgroups;

computing statistics for each subgroup while traversing; and

displaying said statistics.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 7, wherein if said subgroup of finest granularity has been traversed, then:

aggregating events deemed identical by virtue of their hierarchical position into an aggregate;

computing statistics for each aggregate; and

displaying said statistics for each said aggregate.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 7, wherein said analyzing includes:

aggregating events deemed identical by virtue of their context into an aggregate;

computing statistics for each aggregate; and

displaying said statistics for each said aggregate.

10. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a foundational layer upon which applications are built ~~and~~ or executed; and

an event logging mechanism created by said foundational layer framework, said logging mechanism executing independently of said applications, said mechanism for generating an event log for any of said applications, without referencing any event logs of said applications, said logging mechanism for turning on or off at any time during the execution of said applications by an entity external to said applications.

11. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 10, wherein said event logging mechanism logs start time, end time and other event information into the event object for each event to be logged.

12. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 10, wherein said foundational layer is an operating system.

13. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 10, wherein said foundational layer is a programmable framework.

14. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 11, wherein said event logging mechanism can be turned on and then off from beyond the execution space of said applications within said foundational layer, said turning on and off separate for each event.

15. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 10, wherein said event logging mechanism can be turned on and turned off and configured using a browser application.

16. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 15, wherein said event logging mechanism generates a plurality of event objects and is configured to analyze said event objects and present to said browser application the results thereof.

17. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 16, wherein said event logging mechanism is configured to analyze said event objects based upon hierarchical and contextual grouping.

18. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 16, wherein said event logging mechanism is configured to aggregate said event objects deemed identical based upon at least one of hierarchical and contextual grouping.

19. (Currently Amended) An article comprising a computer readable medium having instructions stored thereon which when executed causes:

for each event in a plurality of events to be logged that has not yet been logged within an application,

creating an event object, said event object occupying a memory space that is independent of said application; and

logging within said event object the start time, end time and information regarding the event;

wherein said creating and said logging are performed on a single computer on which said application executes.

20. (Previously Presented) An article according to claim 19 having further instructions stored thereon which when executed causes:

analyzing of said event objects according to hierarchical and contextual grouping.

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for creating, for an event to be logged that has not yet been logged within an application, an event object, said event object occupying a memory space that is independent of said application; and

means for logging within said event object the start time, end time and information regarding the event;

wherein said creating and said logging are performed on a single computer on which said application executes.

22. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 21 further comprising:

means for analyzing of said event object according to hierarchical and contextual grouping.

23. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a foundational layer upon which applications are ~~built and~~ executed;

a first application for executing on said foundational layer;

a second application for ~~execution~~ executing on said foundational layer;

an event-logging mechanism for execution on said foundational layer, for functioning interoperably with but separately from said first and second applications, and for generating an event log for each of said first and second applications, wherein at least one of said first and second applications does not generate an event log, wherein said event-logging mechanism is separate from said first and second applications and is not compiled with said applications.

24. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 23, wherein said generating an event log comprises storing, for each event to be logged, a temporal attribute of an event in the event object associated with the event.

25. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 23, wherein said event-logging mechanism comprises analyzing of said event log according to hierarchical and contextual grouping.

26. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 23 further comprising a first area of memory allocated to the first application, a second area of memory allocated to the second application and a third area of memory allocated to the event logging mechanism, wherein said third area of memory is separate from the areas of memory allocated to the first and second applications.

27. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 26 further comprising an enable/disable state for each event identified by the application wherein the disable state precludes any system from creating an event log.

28. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 26, wherein generating an event log is performed for each event having event logging enabled.

29. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 23, wherein the foundational layer is ~~a development framework~~ an operating system upon which applications are executed~~built~~.

30. (Currently Amended) An event logging method comprising:

for each of a plurality of events that need to be logged but have not yet been logged within a plurality of applications;

creating an event object;

storing said event object in a first memory space that is uniquely allocated for the event logging method, said first memory space separate from a second memory space allocated for the plurality of applications; and

logging within said event object the start time, end time and information regarding the event;

wherein said first and second memory spaces are within a third memory space of a single computer.

31. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 30 further comprising creating, for the event object, an enabled/disabled status wherein the disabled status disables all logging for the event within a system that includes the plurality of applications.

32. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 30 further comprising checking, for each event identified by an application within the plurality of applications, whether event logging has been enabled.

33. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 32 further comprising

analyzing of said event objects after event logging is disabled.

34. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 30, wherein the memory space occupied by the event log is within memory space that has been allocated solely to the event logging mechanism.

35. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 30, wherein the events that are logged by the event logging mechanism have not been previously logged by any other application.

36. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 30, wherein information placed in the event log is first logged by the event logging mechanism.

37. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 30 further comprising an enable/disable state wherein the disable state precludes any system from creating an event log.

38. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 30, wherein said creating is done by a the foundational layer that is a development framework ~~is not part of the operating system layer.~~